

## JOHN HAS TO BABY-SIT

"Hello, John, this is Aunt Laura. I was just wondering whether you [white/ could/ very] baby-sit the girls for me this afternoon," [stand/ said/ panel] John's aunt. John immediately had a [cherry/ heavy/ flask], horrible, sinking feeling in the pit [am/ do/ of] his stomach. Aunt Laura had four daughters [why/ thin/ and] they were all bad news! John [was/ wood/ late] their oldest cousin, at age fifteen, [so/ dad/ lit] he was asked to baby-sit all [ear/ wall/ the] time. "I am sorry, Aunt Laura, [but/ am/ kit] I had planned to mow the [want/ yard/ for] and then go swimming in the [music/ pool/ wash]," said John.

"That's absolutely perfect," squealed Aunt Laura, "because [save/ life/ the] girls just love to go swimming, [and/ tin/ pot] they won't be any trouble at [made/ all/ pile]! I will bring them over around [came/ bees/ nine] o'clock and I will pick them [up/ so/ tap] after three and I will make [too/ sure/ red] they have on their bathing suits [blue/ under/ march] their clothes."

Later a station wagon [pulled/ mother/ record] into the driveway, and his four cousins, ranging [had/ fit/ in] age from two to seven years [face/ old/ did], bounded out of every car door. [Age/ The/ Get] girls played and John mowed the [free/ hurt/ lawn]. Then he heard someone screaming and [tip/ on/ he] cut off the mower. He recognized [the/ tell/ day] familiar scream of Brook and raced [to/ cat/ now] see what was the matter. She [wet/ saw/ had]

fallen into an ant bed and [sell/ open/ ants] were stinging her arms and legs [with/ cause/ every] bites.

Brook was still long enough [for/ flat/ will] John to wash the ants off [top/ has/ her] body, and then John decided that, [argue/ since/ just] it had become so hot, he [same/ under/ would] finish mowing the lawn the next morning. "[Who/ Cool/ Eat] is ready to go swimming? [On/ Be/ I] know I am, and the last [not/ one/ you] in is a rotten egg with [tell/ mud/ rate] on his face," yelled John. The [slip/ corn/ girls] giggled with delight and ran to [get/ the/ rest] edge of the pool and jumped [in/ sad/ for]. John threw each of them around [hat/ in/ be] the pool. They were having so [much/ also/ tear] fun that they did not hear Aunt Laura [drive/ clump/ heals] up.

"Hello, everyone. It's time to [toss/ get/ star] ready to go home," she said. [Rule/ Bee/ Her] daughters were having so much fun [that/ want/ try] they did not want to go [home/ gums/ task]. They whined and begged their mother [boy/ to/ has] let them stay for awhile. "[Well/ Day/ Reel], it's up to John whether or [stag/ gun/ not] he wants to keep you any [pound/ nerve/ longer]," said Aunt Laura. "It's OK with [at/ me/ if], Aunt Laura," said John. "We are [please/ dummy/ having] such a good time." John thought [got/ sum/ to] himself with a laugh that he [squid/ never/ hurry] would have thought he would say [hot/ that/ above] in a million years!